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Attorney Docket No. 0203B**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below-named inventors, we declare that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in the patent application identified below and for which a patent is sought on the invention as titled therein. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understood the contents of said specification, including the claims. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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Title of Invention: Automated System and Process for Custom-Designed Biological Array Design and Analysis

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[ ] There are no earlier-filed United States Patent Applications of which priority benefit is claimed.

[X] We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the United States Patent Application listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37

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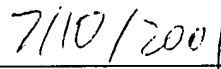
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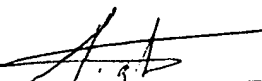
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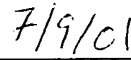
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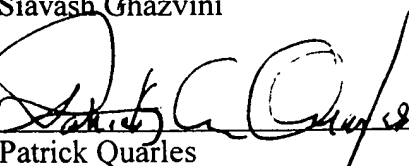
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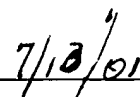
  
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